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1. The Polish passenger ship being built at the Gheorghiu-Dej (former Ganz) Shipyard in Budapest has been refused by the Poles because of faulty metacentric height and a longitudinal fault. The vessel may be dismantled. The contract for a second passenger ship for Poland has been cancelled.
2. The Hungarian and Soviet Navigation Company (Meszhart) is due to receive one of the 1100-ton class ships in the spring of 1955, and a 1300-ton Danube-sea vessel at the end of 1955. The 1100-ton vessel cannot be used for river navigation.
3. Meszhart received an old passenger vessel, the KOSSUTH, in the spring of 1954 which was reconditioned in their yards. This vessel, however, needs heavy concrete ballast aft to keep her on even keel, and the Company is being sued by passengers whose clothes have been ruined by smoke from her low funnel.
4. A second passenger boat, the DEÁK FERENC (ex GELLÉRT) was being reconditioned by Meszhart and was to be ready in September 1954.
5. Meszhart has also received an 1100 h.p. river tugboat, the KOMÁROM, rebuilt at Korneuburg, from an old Hungarian hull left in Austrian waters in 1945. A sister ship which was sunk at the end of the war will be reconditioned in the Meszhart yard.
6. On 1 August 1954, a river passenger boat built by the Czechs at Komarno was at Budapest on its way down the Danube. Two more similar vessels were waiting at Mohács on 3 August 1954 until the floods subsided.

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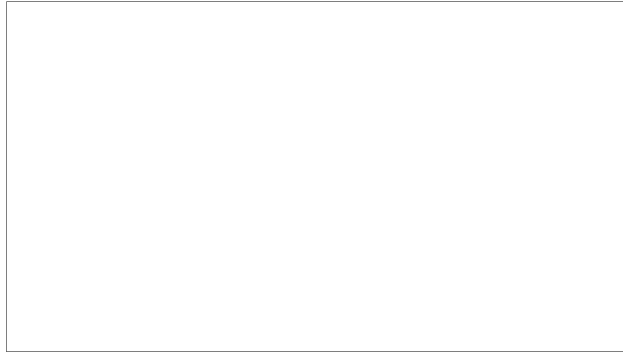
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7. At Sulina what appeared to be a gunnery target was observed. It consisted of eight units linked together: each unit had two metal floats connected with rods and two metal uprights for spreading the canvas target. The end unit had a rudder.
8. The bar draft at Sulina on 6 August 1954 was 24 ft.



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